

REMARKS

Applicant is filing a §371 U.S. National Phase utility patent application based upon International Application PCT/DE2003/003805, filed 18 November 2003. Applicant encloses the English translated specification since the priority application and International Application were both filed in German. Applicant sets forth that nothing that could be construed as new subject matter was added to the application in preparing the English translated specification. Applicant will submit the official "Declaration" wherein the translator sets forth that to the best of his knowledge the English translated specification is a true and complete translation of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003805, at a later date upon receipt of the same from the translator.

Applicant makes certain amendments to the English translated specification by way of enclosing an entire substitute specification to have this §371 U.S. National Phase application comply with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. In particular, Applicant has inserted the following headings: **Prior Applications** (with language identifying the two priority applications - a first filed German application and a subsequently filed PCT Application), **Background of the Invention**, **1. Field of the Invention** and **2. Description of the Prior Art** on page 1 of the substitute specification, **Summary of**

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the Invention on page 3 of the substitute specification, **Brief Description of the Drawings** and **Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment** on page 4 of the substitute specification.

Applicant has further added "preamble" language directly underneath the **Drawings** heading found on page 4, and **Claims** heading found on page 12 of the substitute specification.

Applicant further amends the description for FIG. 1 to a format more accepted under USPTO practice, and can be found on page 4 of the substitute specification.

Still further, a request is made to accept revision to the reference numerals of drawing FIG. 1 to conform to a more acceptable format under USPTO practice.

Still further yet, a request is made to accept amendment of the specification wherein the entire paragraph under the heading entitled **Summary of the Invention**, found on page 3 of the substitute specification and pages 1 and 2 of the English translated specification, has been copied and inserted into the substitute specification under the heading entitled **Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment**, which can be found on page 4 of the substitute specification, to conform to the format required by the USPTO under 37 C.F.R. § 1.74.

Still even further, a request is made to accept insertion of the revised reference numerals, referring to the elements found in drawing FIG. 1, to amended page 4 of the substitute

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specification to conform to the format required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p).

Still even further yet, Applicant makes amendments to the English language translation to correct grammatical and typographical errors.

Further, a request is made to accept insertion of the "Abstract" which is missing from the English translated specification, and can be found on page 15 of the substitute specification, to conform to the format required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

Applicant has placed the substitute specification on letter-sized pleading paper and has included line numbering throughout the specification and on the Abstract, but excluded the line numbering on the Claims, a format for a U.S. application which is understood by Applicant to be appreciated by the USPTO.

Finally, Applicant submits a new formal drawing (FIG. 1) which conforms to the Standard Rules for Drawings as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

Applicant respectfully points out that none of the aforementioned amendments made herein by way of submission of the substitute specification and formal drawings could be construed as the introduction of any new subject matter.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-10 of the English translated specification and has substituted a new set of

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claims numbered 11-22 in the substitute specification. This was done to completely eliminate all multiple dependent claims used in the International Application and to place the claims in a format that complies with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. New Claims 11-22 follow the exact subject matter of that which is claimed in canceled Claims 1-10, but are written in a manner more acceptable to the USPTO.

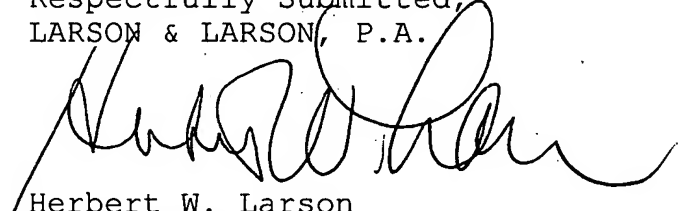
Applicant respectfully requests that the filing fee be calculated based upon the new set of claims numbered 11-22 wherein NO MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS are used, one (1) independent claim is included, with the total number of claims being 12 (twelve).

Applicant finally wishes to point out that the aforementioned amendments were done to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention under USPTO rules. Notwithstanding, Applicant believes the claims of the English language translated International Application would have been allowable if not canceled and re-written in this Preliminary Amendment.

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